Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—In this category mentioned here of the non-collection of statistics, are not important issues like village land distribution, mortality, starvation and such other things included?

Mr. C. J. Mathew.—Perhaps, yes. I want notice.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Then how is it the Government came to the conclusion that the time and labour involved in collecting the information do not appear to be commensurate with the purpose served?

Mr. C. J. Mathew.—Well it is a matter of opinion.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—There must be some grounds for an opinion.

Mr. C. J. Mathew.—No particular grounds.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—So, am I to take it that the Government have no particular grounds for their proposition.

Mr. C. J. Mathew.—They have nothing more to say except what they have already mentioned here in answer to your question.

Works under Panchayat, Sanitary and other Departments—execution of.

157. Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Will the Government be pleased to print and lay on the table a list of sanctioned items of work in the (1) P. W. D., (2) Panchayat, (3) Sanitary and (4) other departments;

(a) which have already been taken up but not yet completed as the work connected with land acquisition is not over; and

(b) which have not been taken up as land acquisition is not over?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—A list giving the information as it stood on 28th Edavam 1108 is appended. (*Appendix I*).

Lapse of amounts provided for works by delay in land acquisition.

158. Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Will the Government be pleased to inform the amounts lapsed annually in 1105, 1106, 1107 and 1108 in the (a) P. W. D. (b) Panchayat and (c) other departments as land acquisition was not over to take up and complete the work?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—A list giving the available information is appended. (*Appendix II.*)

Number of questions till now disallowed.

159. Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Will the Government be pleased to state the total number of disallowed questions ever after the Cochin Legislative Council was instituted?

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Mr. C. J. Mathew.—The files relating to the admissibility of questions for the years 1100 and 1101 have been destroyed under orders. It is not therefore possible to supply the information.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—May I know where was the necessity to destroy them?

Mr. C. J. Mathew.—Because, Government did not think any useful purpose will be served by reserving them in stock.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—It is only two years old.

Mr. C. J. Mathew.—Files of 1100 and 1101—They are more than 6 years old.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Then what about the remaining ones?

Mr. C. J. Mathew.—The question is with regard to the whole time ever since the Council was inaugurated. I cannot answer that question because files of 1100 and 1101 have been destroyed.

Mr. George Chakyamuri.—Could not they answer the question with regard to the remaining years?

Mr. C. J. Mathew.—The answer will not be complete then. The question is with regard to the total number of disallowed questions ever after the Cochin Legislative Council was established.

Mr. George Chakyamuri.—Can he not at least give the numbers with regard to the remaining years, including the present Council?

Mr. C. J. Mathew.—If a fresh question is put asking for the information from the year 1102 onwards, the answer can be easily furnished.

Intimation of disallowed questions to Members—mention of authority for disallowing.

160. Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Will the Government be pleased to state whether in intimations to members about disallowed questions all the sections and sub-sections warranting the disallowance are not mentioned?

Mr. C. J. Mathew.—Yes. They are mentioned.

Refusal to lend to Members originals of their questions.

161. Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(a) the grounds on which they refused to lend the Members of this House with the originals of their own respective questions;

(b) the practice followed in the matter ever so long?

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APPENDIX II.

(Vide answer to question No. 159).

List showing the amounts lapsed annually as land acquisition was not over to take up and complete the works.

Names of Departments	Year 1105	1106	1107	1108
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	
Public Works Department	19,550	88,370— 4— 4	15,133	The amounts cannot be ascertained before the year is out
Panchayat Department	2,700	1,330— 0— 0	1,450	
Public Health Department	Nil	1,374— 0— 0	153	
Department for the Uplift of the Depressed Classes	Nil	Nil	Nil	

APPENDIX III.

(Vide answer to question No. 181).

Serial No.	Name of officer	No. of Shorthand Typists	Period of service Y. M. D.	Pay
1	Anjikaimal District Court	1	16— 0—10	40 plus 10
		1	9—11—19	31 plus 10
2	Chief Court	1	21— 0— 0	40 plus 10 plus 10 P. A.
		1	8—11—25	40 plus 10
		1	7— 0— 6	31 plus 10
3	Trichur District Court	1	17— 1—12	40 plus 10

APPENDIX IV.

(Vide answer to question No. 184.)

Copy of the resolution passed at a public meeting held under the Chairmanship of Mr. C. K. Tharu, B. A. L. T. dated 24th June 1933.

"Since there is no convenience for communication to the Kunnamkulam Town in spite of its being one of the most important towns in the State and because it cannot share the advantages of the opening of the Cochin Harbour due to the want of Communications, that this meeting requests the Government of Cochin to connect Kunnamkulam, by opening a waterway, with the Canolly canal lying about three miles to the west of Kunnamkulam so that the town may be commercially benefitted. The resolution was moved by Mr. K.M. Chakkunni, B. A., and was seconded by Mr. C. I. John"

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